

September 15, 2010

**ITEM NO. B2**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH B.E.T.O.N.  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EXTERIOR MASONRY WORK AT  
ARMOUR SQUARE APARTMENTS (IL2-033)**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL-033), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

Funding: General Fund

Specification No: 10 - 00567

Vendor: B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company  
5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 305  
Chicago, IL 60630

Contract Type: Construction	Date Advertised:	July 15, 2010
Contract Amount: \$138,800.00	Pre-Bid Conference:	July 19, 2010
Number of Vendors Solicited: 562	Site Visit:	July 19, 2010
(including 167 MBE/WBE/DBE Firms)	Addendum No. 1 issued:	July 21, 2010
Assist Agencies: 73	Addendum No. 2 issued:	July 26, 2010
Number of Pick-Ups: 38	Date Bids Opened:	August 3, 2010
(including 37 downloads from BuySpeed)	Advertisement Publication(s):	CHA Website
Number of Bids Received: 2		BuySpeed Online
Contract Time: Sixty (60)		
calendar days from		
the date set forth in the		
Notice to Proceed		

**M/W/DBE Participation:**

Direct	MBE	_____%	WBE	<u>100</u> %	DBE	_____%
Indirect	MBE	_____%	WBE	_____%	DBE	_____%
Waiver	_____	(Yes/No)				

**Section 3:**

Hiring # 1 Subcontracting \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Economic Opportunities \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

As part of the Capital Improvement Program, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) solicited bids for general and masonry contractors to perform exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL-033), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Masonry and pre-cast concrete panels will be removed and replaced around the entire circumference of the building. The work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

## **PROCUREMENT HISTORY**

The CHA advertised Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 10 – 0567 on July 15, 2010 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL2-033). Work will be performed at 3250 S. Wentworth Ave.

The IFB was advertised on the CHA website and on BuySpeed. The Department of Procurement and Contracts further directly notified five hundred sixty two (562) contractors of the solicitation's release, which included one hundred sixty-seven (167) certified MBE, WBE or DBE firms. Information on the solicitation was also made available to seventy-three (73) assist agencies.

The Pre-bid meeting and Site Visit were held on July 19, 2010. The CHA issued Addendum No. 1 on July 21, 2010, which clarified that contractors with mason's licenses as well as a general contractor's licenses were eligible to bid on this solicitation. Addendum No. 2 was issued on July 26, 2010 to respond to Requests for Information, move the bid due date to August 3, 2010, issue two (2) replacement sections for the Technical Specifications, and distribute a revised version of the BF pages.

The CHA received and opened two (2) bids on August 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. from licensed masonry contractors certified as WBE businesses.

After reviewing the bid submittal materials, the Department of Procurement and Contracts and the Capital Construction Department held pre-award survey meetings with both of the contractors that had submitted bids. Each firm responded to questions on the thoroughness of its bid and its capacity to perform this work. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to meet the sixty (60) calendar day timeline to avoid possible complications which could arise if work extended into the cold weather season.

Based on its submitted bid, the Department of Procurement and Contracts has determined that B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company ("B.E.T.O.N.") is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$138,800.00. While B.E.T.O.N. has not previously performed work for the CHA as a prime contractor, it is acting as the masonry sub-contractor for the renovation of the Hoyne Community Center. B.E.T.O.N. has also done extensive work for the Chicago Public Schools.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the CHA's best interest for the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour square Apartments (IL2-33), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, and bonding and insurance requirements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-107**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated September 15, 2010, entitled “AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH B.E.T.O.N. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EXTERIOR MASONRY WORK AT ARMOUR SQUARE APARTMENTS (IL2-033)”;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL2-33), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

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